EDWIN M. STANTON'S ARTICLE.

A Newspaper Reporter's Experience with the Gruff Secretary of War.

It must not be supposed that Secretary Stanton was always unapproachable. Now and then, when his anxiety was unusually and then, when his anxiety was unusually great, it was easy to imagine more agreeshle people than the war secretary. But what terribly wearing duty was his! On one occasion—during the battles of the Wilderness—a reporter of The Chronicle, the secretary's special favorite, had been at the department from early evening until 3a. m. He was sure there was important news and he was determined to get tant news, and he was determined to get it. But not a line could he get hold of, and the secretary declined to admit him to the inner office. He sat in the little side room all alone save for his cigar and the small errand boy of The Chronicle, who was colled up on a chair fast asleep. He knew the secretary was in his room, and he would stay as long as the secretary did. It was 3 a. m. when the doors opened and Mr. Stanton walked out. The reporter at

once stood before him.

"You here yet?" said Mr. Stanton.

"Yes, sir," was the reply.

"My boy, I sent you word frequently that I had nothing for you. I have noth-ing that I can give to the press. Even if I did give you anything, it is too late

"Not at all, sir. There is a youngster asleep there in the corner who will be at The Chronicle office as quick as lightning if I say the word, and all will be in readi ness for me and the copy by the time I reach there. I have two carriages at the

"So! Well, you deserve not to be disap-pointed. Say the word. Start off the boy and turn up the light at the high desk

The boy was off in a second, and the weary cross-grained secretary took his position standing at the high desk. He wrote steadily without speaking a word for at least an hour, tearing up many sheets and throwing them in small pieces upon the floor and making many erasures. The reporter was on pins and needles. When he was through he gave the reporter a dozen or more small pages of copy headed: "The Situation." Then he said:

"Now, don't tell on me, and come let us go away from here." They walked slowly out of the department. To the reporter it seemed they went like snails. At the carriage door they said good night. Horses never before so gallopped down the ave-nue as did those of The Chronicle man's carriage. The article on "The Situation" appeared double-leaded in a second edition of The Chronicle a very brief while after ward, and was the cause of wide comment, for it carried the stamp of authority upon its face. It was telegraphed all over country. The printers preserved their takes of the copy as mementoes, and I have no doubt they are somewhere yet retained as valuable curiosities. I think this was the only time during Mr. Stanton's incum-bency of the war department that his handwriting was seen in the composing-room of a newspaper office. The article was not published as from the secretary of war, for the reporter kept faith. -Philadelphia News.

A Household Hand-Weaving Machine.

An ingenious kind of hand-weaving ma chine or loom has been invented in Germany, by means of which silk, wool, yard, cords, strips of fabric, etc., can be woven into pleces that may be applied to various useful purposes in the household. In using this machine the warp threads are first arranged parallel, either on the backs of two chairs, or secured to the knobs of two doors. The warp threads are then passed through the heddles, arranged on a suitable frame, and the ends of the warp threads are tied together and fastened to the back of the chair upon which the person operating the loom sits, and the other ends of the threads are held in a suitable clamp on the table. The heddle frame or comb is raised by means of the left hand, whereby the threads are separated, and then the shuttle is passed through the warp threads; the latter are shifted; the shuttle passed through in the inverse direction, and so on.-Good Housekeeping.

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"Didn't he have a chance to use it at all?" inquired the New Yorker. "Not at all. His three years of labor utterly wasted." "Well, well," sighed the sympathetic sol-

dier, "it was a shame, wasn't it?"

It required a diagram to explain to him what made the crowd laugh.-Washing-

ton Critic. Principles of the Mind Cure.

Ignore all reference to ailments of self and friends in common conversation. Supplant the customary "How do you do!" with the cheery "Good day!" Never give the history of past sufferings either of self or friends, and as far as politeness will admit avoid having others do the same, Engage in some absorbing occupation that gives you no time for sense of self. This must be work for others, realizing that if you have talent you must use it for the uplifting of those less fortunate than yourself. Mind cure is really the complete renouncing of self as taught in religion and philosophy.—Cor. Minneapolis House-

An Archduke as a Physician. Archduke Charles of Bavaria, brother of the empress of Austria, has developed a dangerous proclivity to practice medicine as an amusement, and for a member of his family, his suite or his retinue of servants to be sick is presumably as much as his or her life is worth.—New Orleans

Times-Democrat. Mr. Dana Demands Roseate Trousers. Our own opinion is that the most appropriate shade for trousers to be worn at wedding would be blood red; the color of the great fountain from which emanate the thoughts and aspirations of every commendable conception of matrimony, the heart.—New York Sun.

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